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More and more these days we are seeing that the news media is uncovering the wrongdoing of governmental employees, politicians and governmental agencies. It is a sad note when we find that the trusted law-enforcement agencies which ought to serve and protect us have admittedly been engaged in all kinds of illegal activities. It is more of a commentary on the moral values of our society when the politicians and the top men in government use their immense power, prestige and influence to prevent law violators from being investigated by legal federal bodies.

When we are faced with the question of what is wrong with a nation which tolerates disregard for both law and order in the highest tribunes of government, we are hard put to come upon an answer. It is no wonder then that the average citizen is so turned off by his government, and that he places its elected officials at the bottom of the scale in respectability surveys. Government reputation is so shakey and flakey that people are less than willing to become involved or even concerned about the quality of its operation. This is a disheartening fact. It is also unhealthy and forbodes future difficulties if American passiveness about these things will continue.

Hitler, Mussoulini and Stalin were waiting in the wings for this kind of passiveness to turn into despair in their countries. And then at that moment when total disillusion with government uncontrollably festered, these despots offered their sick philosophies as a means of saving their nations. By the time the good people of Germany, Italy and Russia realized what was happening to them it was too late. Fascism had arrived and was not to be denied. We are not in Germany, 1932, but we could become the nightmare if we turn over the running of this government to the law and order types who really mean law and order for you, but not for them.

There is no telling what might have happened in this country if Nixon, Mitchell, Haldeman and that group would have had their way and would have been able to pull off the Watergate caper. They thought that they were above law and order - at least that's how they acted. But no one is above the law. On one. And although government cannot be perfect, we can move towards better government by holding those we elect and appoint totally accountable and responsible for their behavior. To do this means involvement and interest in government by every civic minded citizen. We'll get good government if we demand it, so let's demand it. RIGHT ON!

U. W. Board of Regents Adopts Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Sam Kelly

The University of Washington Board of Regents Friday (May 14) formally adopted a resolution of appreciation, commending Dr. Samuel E. Kelly for outstanding service as the University's vice president for minority affairs.

The resolution, publicly presented at the recent 24th annual Meeting for the Friends of the Educational Opportunity Program, marking "Celebration '76," was signed by George V. Powell, president of the regents' board. Dr. Robert L. Flennaugh, the regents' immediate past president and a board member, read the resolution at the EOP dinner meeting.

Dr. Kelly, vice president since 1968, will return in July to teaching as a professor of higher education and to pursue other scholarly work. He will also be on a part-time basis a special assistant to University President John R. Hogness.

The full text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel E. Kelly is resigning from his position as Vice President for Minority Affairs of the University of Washington, following six years of outstanding service in that office, and

WHEREAS, during this period the University's Educational Opportunity Program under his leadership has become a nationally recognized model for programs assisting disadvantaged students of all races, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly has been a steadfast champion in the struggle to create and maintain increasing educational opportunities at the University for students who might otherwise not have been able to seek their education on our campus, and

WHEREAS, the challenging goals reached by Dr. Kelly in his direction of the Office of Minority Affairs will serve as an inspiration for years to come, not only at the University of Washington and in the Seattle community, but also in colleges and universities across the nation, and

WHEREAS, in his new assignment he will continue to contribute his many organizational abilities and broad knowledge of this University, as well as to teach and pursue his academic career,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington express their gratitude, on behalf of the entire University community, to Dr. Samuel E. Kelly for a very difficult job well done and offer to him our best wishes for continued success in his new responsibilities.

Bicentennial Celebration

Dr. George Washington Carver and Auxiliary, welcom you to a fun filled Bi-Centennal Day Celebration, Saturday, June 5, 1976 at 10:00 AM at the Veterans' Hall, located in Tacoma, Washington on the corner of 74th and So. Tacoma Way.

Highlights attractions of the day will be the Fort Lewis Drill Team, The Martin Luther King Singers, Gill Girls, The Bethelem Young Adult Choir.

Bi-Centennial Remarks by Mayor Johnston of the Tacoma Comrade Calahan, Legion Dept. Commander. Music by Mel Washington Band.

For additional information or tickets please call: Mr. Reed, 537-2805, Mrs. Patterson, 475-9140, Mrs. Nora Walker, 572-7218.

Scheduled Activities as follows: Raffles, cake walks, Bake Sales, Mini Bike Rides, 10:00 A.M., Group and Choral Attractions, 2 P.M., Bi-Centennial Speakers, 4 P.M., Delicious Steamship round dinner, 8 P.M., Dancing, music by Mel Washington Band, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Towards Better Mental Health in the Black Community

By Aaron B. Lee, MSW

In order to discuss the Comprehensive Mental Health Center and other mental health agencies which try to meet the needs of the Black community, it is necessary to define "mental health." This term is widely used but seldom totally understood by some in our community.

The term "mental health" is not used here in the traditional, narrow sense, E.G., treating only those community residents who are mentally retarded, psychotic or neurotic. For the purpose of this article, mental health is defined as "providing for the betterment of any person in the community that may find themselves with a problem that is causing that person or persons some emotional, marital, family or other kinds of crisis that relates to their emotional stability.

In order to meet these needs, the mental health center (s) are becoming more responsive to the needs of the Black community. Further, the mental health center is presently building better liaison with the Black community. If a problem arises that a community resident or residents cannot cope with and this problem is within the realm of services offered at the mental health center, please consider contacting the center at 597-8200.

Someone there will schedule an appointment and a therapist or counselor will work with the persons and help establish the problem areas and also help find solutions to the established problem.

Good mental health can only be achieved when the community residents get involved in the planning and implementation of the mental health services that are available in their community.

If there is a need for more information on the kinds of services that the mental health center offers, please feel free to call the above phone number.

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The Breath of Life

After completing aroutine dive off the old Harper's Ferry dock in Port Orchard, Sergeants Larry Knoll and Dan Beechly, dental technicians from McChord AFB, were about to load their equipment and head for home. As fate would have it though, April 24th was to become a day in their lives they would long remember.

At that moment two divers several feet below the surface were struggling to rescue a member of their party. An assistant diving instructor from the Lakewood branched Diver's Reef, was drifting unconsciously near the bottom, victim of a heart attack.

When the pair broke the surface, they literally threw their comrade onto the dock. At this point, screams for help broke the quiet of the shoreline. Larry and Dan sprinted back down the dock and found their work cut out for them. Larry arrived first and immediately started mouth to mouth resucitation.

Dan's turn was next. He pulled off the equipment from the seemingly lifeless body and started heart compressions on the victim. Together they worked diligently to keep life in the man. Both sergeants were graduates of an emergency medical technicians course held on McChord last year and knew the importance of oxygen and heart message.

It's unknown how long the men worked on the diver. But the important thing was, they kept working. A sheriff's rescue unit arrived on the scene and radioed for more assistance.

A helicopter dispatched from Ft. Lewis arrived within minutes and the victim was transported to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. There, in a decompression chamber, the diver regained semi-consciouseness a and started breathing on his own.

After a stay in the hospital and weeks of convalescence, the instructor will lead a normal life once again. The quick action taken by Larry and Dan lessoned the possible damage done to the brain while the body was not taking oxygen on its own, according to Neil Heard, owner of Diver's Reef, who expressed appreciation to the airmen on behalf of the recovering diver.

Home Repairs Programs Home Owners Designed for Low Income

Brendan Gallagher, Executive Director, of the Pierce County Community Action Agency (PCCAA), a Program of the Pierce County Commissioners, announced today that the agency is operating two home repair programs for low-income homeowners in rural Pierce County. (1) A WEATHERIZING Program and (2) a HANDYMAN HOME REPAIR Program, both of which are Federally funded.

The WEATHERIZING PROGRAM is designed to offset the hardships of the cold winter months and the hot summer months caused from lack of insulation, leaky ceilings, drafty doors and walls. Having these repairs done now will help to decrease the high costs of fuel in those frosty winter months and also help to keep your home cooler during the summer. Examples of types of jobs include: storm windows, insulation of water pipes, attic insulation and weatherstripping.

The HANDYMAN HOME REPAIR PROGRAM is designed to offset the high costs of labor and materials for the low-income and senior homeowner. It is the desire of the Conty Commissioners that this program concentrate its efforts primarily on home maintence problems which are clearly of an emergency nature of which constitute health or safety hazards and which are combined with a lack of physical and/or financial ability to implement needed repairs. Examples of types of jobs include; frozen pipes, broken windows, rotten floors, faulty rain gutters, leaky faucets and defective doors, plumbing and wiring.

All applicants must meet financial eligibility guidelines. If you believe you need one of these programs, apply at the PCCAA Multi-Purpose Center or senior center closest to you:

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Information and Referral Desk Established

An "Information and Referral Desk" is now in operation at the African-American Cultural Center. This service is manned by community workers from the Department of Social and Health Services, who will provide assistance to individuals or groups in understanding services available through Community Resources.

Typical assistance will be as follows:

(1.) Acts as liaison and/or interpreter between individuals in need of agency services and staff rendering such services; refers individuals to casework staff as well as to employment, housing medical and social services.

(2.) Help disadvantaged applicants applying for assistance to understand agency policies and complete the necessary forms;

(3.) Assist in the organization of the community around issues that the community should be impacting.

The "Information and Referral Desk" will be open as follows:
Monday: 8 am-12 noon
Tuesday: 8 am-12 noon
Thursday: 8 am- noon & 1 pm-4 pm.
The phone number for the Information and Referral Desk is: 593-2068.

Health Council Plans Community Forum

On May 13th, the Board of the Pierce County Health Council elected officers for the coming year: President; Dave Hamry, Administrator, Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup, Washington. Vice President; Marge Griffin, Supervisor, Health Education Tacoma Public Schools. Secretary: Gail Jones, Parish Worker, Episcopal Church. Treasurer; Shirley Winsley, Director, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Committee Members: Bill Moss, Director, Planned Parenthood. Dale Shirk, Director, Pierce County Medical Society, Carolyn Schultz, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Pacific Lutheran University.

Pierce County Health Council is a federated member of Puget Sound Health Systems Agency, the health planning organization for the 10 northwest counties of Washington State. The major emphasis of the health councils activities for the coming year will be on implementation of recommendations relative to hospitals and primary care resources as proposed in the development guides produced over the last two years.

Health Council Elects Members

Pierce County Health Council plans a community forum on May 21st, noon, North's Chuckwagon to discuss the dilemmas of health services for state supported clients in the face of inflation and taxation problems.

Speakers will be Representative A.A. Adams, Chairman of House Social and Health Service Committee; John Beare, MD, Director of Health Services Division, Department of Social & Health Services; Gene Zink, Administrator Tacoma office of Department of Social & Health Service.

The concerns stem from an awareness of the impact of inflation on dollars available for necessary services and the lack of support for increased taxation; and hence the need to evaluate the cost cutting activities which have received priority in relation to their impact on people needing service. It doesn't seem that the tax payers are involved in overall priority setting. Is the information available to them only on the basis of taxes or is it correlated with services?

The Health Council desires to understand these issues more fully so that they, individually and as a council, can act positively in relation to the health service problems.

The basic questions for discussion are:

1. What are the major components of the dilemma, i.e. inadequate federal funds, inadequate state funds, over utilization of services, lack of commitment to health services in relation to other government services, or other problems?
2. What types of action are necessary by the legislature, DSHS and tax payers to affect some solution to the problem?

The meeting is open to the public.

Retiree Council to Meet

MCCHORD AFB, Wa.--The McChord Retiree Council will meet on May 19th at 8:00 P.M. in the Officers' Club here.

Among the items to be discussed will be operation of the East Gate ambulance service provided by Madigan Hospital and the McChord Clinic and retiree ID card applications.

Retirees having issues to discuss are encouraged to solicit assistance from the McChord Retiree Council. The address is: McChord AFB Retiree Council, DP/20, McChord AFB, Washington, 98438.

Bicentennial Concert

The Lincoln High School Instrumental Music Department will present a Bicententential Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20th at the Lincoln Auditorium.

Groups participating will be the Concert Band, Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble. Selections for the Concert Band will be COLONEL BOGEY MARCH, NIGHTFALL with trumpet soloist Tom Jackowski, AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, and GOSPEL JOHN. The Orchestra will play FIDDLE-FADDEL, BARCOROLLE, BABYLONIAN DANCE, and BON BON'S BOSSA.

The Wind Ensemble will close the program with RED'S WHITE AND BLUE MARCH, CHORALE AND ALLELUIA, BATTLE HYM OF THE REPUBLIC, and THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER MARCH. The program is complimentary to the public.

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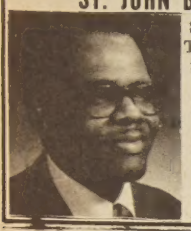

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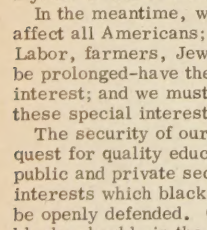

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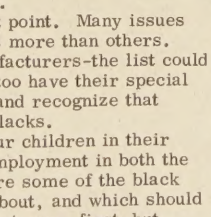

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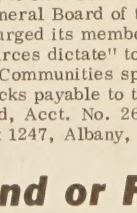

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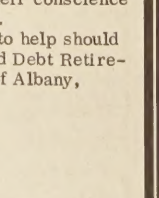

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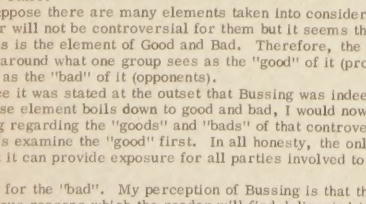
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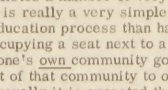

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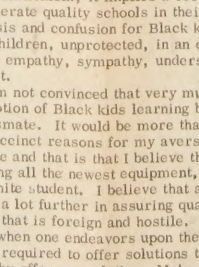

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The Issues

By

Jim Nash

This is a presidential year, and the race in on. Candiates of both major parties have been campaigning in various cities, hoping to become the leaders of their respective "packs" as the convention approaches. The issues in 1976 are in some ways more crucial than ever before; yet the tactics or "strategies", to be more diplomatic, are unchanged. Ba Banners are waved, hands are shaken, buttons are distributed, babies are held aloft and kissed, the TV cameras grind. In breif, it's business as usual on the campaign trail.

How do people decide who will make the best president? Is one style of oratory more indicative of political wisdom than another? Is suavity before a crowd a better sign? Do smiles make a difference? Clearly, at this stage , when people are vying for delegates to the donventions, they should articulate their views lucidly; they should express how they stand on the issues which are likely to decide the fate of two-hundred million Americans, and perhaps even hundreds of millions abroad.

Yet the campaigners resort to generalities; and even when they venture to express views which are clear and unmistakeable, they watch for the immediate response, and are likely to change their "Opinion if their PR people think a switch might make more friends-for the moment.

In the meantime, the voters are-to say the least-indifferent-and what is worse, they are cynical, unbelieving, scornful. We deplore this condition; but we are not about to blame the American voters altogether. The record of the past decade or more has turned sincere citizens into detached bystanders.

Nevertheless the issues remain; and will be dealt with well or badly, depending upon who comes into office (and not only the presidency). It is therefore, the better part of wisdom to define just what the issues are, and how they affect individuals and groups within the nation. We hope that in the days left before the election the voting public will demand that the candiates deal with these issues in depth-at least to the point that we laymen will have a better view of where they stand.

In the meantime, we want to make one important point. Many issues affect all Americans; some affect some Americans more than others. Labor, farmers, Jews, Catholics, bankers, manufacturers-the list could be prolonged-have their special interest. Blacks too have their special interest; and we must have the courage to realize and recognize that these special interest are legitimate concerns of blacks.

The security of our neighborhoods, the fate of our children in their quest for quality education, the merit system of employment in both the public and private sectors of the economy; these are some of the black interests which black citizens feel most strongly about, and which should be openly defended. Obviously, the national interest come first; but blacks should, in the process of articulating and espousing black causes, resist any attempts to confuse the American people with respect to what is genuinely in the national interest.

In this bicentennial year, we should rededicate ourselves to the practice of intelligent citizenship, to the end that all Americans may realize the fruition of the American dream.

Members of Southwest Georgia Project Pledged to Stand Firm

Just south of Jimmy Carter's home county of Sumter a group of Blacks is also raising peanuts - but they, according to Congressman Andrew Young, "expect to build a new society in the South based on justice and humanitarian concerns."

They are sttled on 6,000 acres in Lee County, which is in the heart of Southwest Georgie'a "badlands" for Blacks, and they call their settlement New Communities, Inc. As they dream of the just society they plant, aside from peanuts, corn, sugar cane, soybeans, strawberries, grapes, watermelons, and assorted vegetables. They also herd 250 cows, tend pigs, and fish in the bountiful streams and ponds on their cooperative farm.

Their venture has enlisted the support of Coretta Scott King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., Julian Bond, Jesse Jackson, Ella Baker, as well as Congressman Young, among others.

It has also met with the hostility of white racists in Southwest Georgia. In one instance, this hostility attracted national attention. A 14 year old girl, Dorothy Young, was arrested in her school on charges of having told a white boy, "Kiss my ---." She was sentenced to seven years in prison by the local court - and served three months in jail before being released on appeal.

Other incidents have not received national publicity. The home of the Rev. Charles Sherrod, vice president and guiding spirit of New Communities, was burned to the ground. So was the home of the Bass family. Rev. Sherrod's father-in-law, Josiah Miller, was shot and killed by a white farmer. A 12 year old boy was beaten severely when he insisted on getting his correct change at a local market.

Despite these and other instances of terror and harassment, the settlers are determined to remain, to cultivate their land, and to create a community of 200 homes, a hospital, an education center - from day care to college - and a variety of religious and community services.

They have the courage, and the willingness and ability to work, that are needed to make their dream come true. But they do not have the money because they are all people, joined by the desire to till - and own -the land in common. So they face an old blight of the poor farmer: a mortgage. To meet this problem they have called for help.

Congressman Young responded, "I plan to save one acre," he said, "and I strongly urge you to follow my example." (In effect, he pledged $250, as this is the amount needed to make an acre mortgage-free, according to New Communities.)

The General Board of the National Council of Churches, meeting in Atlanta, urged its member communions "to respond as their conscience and resources dictate" to the appeal of New Communities.

A New Communities spokesman said that those willing to help should make checks payable to the SWGP-New Communities Land Debt Retirement Fund, Acct. No. 260-6282-8, First National Bank of Albany, P.O. Box 1247, Albany, Georgia, 31702.

Busing--

By Rossie Norris

To say that the issue of Bussing is controversial could be said to be the understatement of the year for almost everyone when questioned about the subject has an opinion one way or the other.

I suppose there are many elements taken into consideration when people decide what will or will not be controversial for them but it seems that always at the base of such decisions is the element of Good and Bad. Therefore, the questions raised are usually centered around what one group sees as the "good" of it (proponents) and what another group views as the "bad" of it (opponents).

Since it was stated at the outset that Bussing was indeed controversial and later that the base element boils down to good and bad, I would now like to expound a bit upon my own feeling regarding the "goods" and "bads" of that controversial subject known as Bussing.

Let's examine the "good" first. In all honesty, the only good I can attribute to Bussing is that it can provide exposure for all parties involved to certain cultural aspects of each other.

Now for the "bad". My perception of Bussing is that the bad far outweighs the good for numerous reasons which the reader will find delineated in this article.

Bussing, as it relates to the Black community anyhow, is cloaked under the guise of allowing those that are "disadvantaged educationally," a chance to get a quality education. The implication inherent in this philosophy is that indeed if Blacks are to receive quality education it is necessary that they travel across town to the White community to the White schools. There is in my opinion a dangerous flaw in this proposal because it tends to reek of the old Master-slave syndrome which implies that anything worthwhile is to be generated from the White community, education included.

The media tends to portray a different slant on White students who are bussed into Black schools. The scenerio is usually painted so as to depict the White kid from a middle class neighborhood who is sent to the Black school to do a kind of service to the community by attending its schools; the perverbial "sacrificial lamb." Witness the two suits pending presently at Garfield High School involving a White student and an Asian student. The charges stem from these students and their parents allegations that not only can they not expect to get a quality education at Garfield but also that the school should be closed! It takes a lot of temerity to issue such a forceful charge, however, I feel very safe in my belief that this opinion is much more widespread than just in the minds of those involved in this particular law suit.

Friend or Foe?

Other "bads" that I perceive with Bussing Black kids to predominately White schools are that it reduces significantly the number of positive Black role models for them, it has the tendency to foster feelings of isolationism, it implies a certain helplessness or apathy on the part of Black parents to generate quality schools in their own neighborhoods for their children, it causes identity crisis and confusion for Black kids in determining their roles as Blacks and it places Black children, unprotected, in an environment that is hostile to them by nature. One where the empathy, sympathy, understanding or concern of those in charge is questionable at best.

In light of all the "bads", I am not convinced that very much actual learning takes place, therefore negating the notion of Black kids learning better simply because they are seated next to a White classmate. It would be more than safe to assume that while I have listed a number of very succinct reasons for my aversion to Bussing, my basic argument is really a very simple one and that is that I believe there is much more involved in the education process than having all the newest equipment, the most up to date textbooks, or occupying a seat next to a White student. I believe that a strong sense of identification with one's own community goes a lot further in assuring quality education than being Bussed out of that community to one that is foreign and hostile.

Generally it is expected that when one endeavors upon the responsibility of challenging a certain position they are then required to offer solutions to justify their particular position. In light of that fact I hereby offer my solution: Make our own community schools better thus proving to our children that we can do the job for them of providing them with a quality education, that it is not true that we have to run to the master for everything that is good and bright. Insist upon community control of our schools like the folks who live in suburbia and while insisting, insist also upon accountability from the top administrator down to the classroom teacher (it can be done). I would issue a word of caution before proceeding and that cuation is that before we begin to charge other people, let's be sure first that we can be accountable both to ourselves and to our kids. Let's examine our own inner most being to make sure we are not ourselves victimized by feelings that suggest "the White man's ice is colder and his sugar sweeter." Once this is done and we have dealth with these attitudes and laid them to rest then we will be ready to move once again toward the notion that power does in fact exist in numbers and that we can move toward effective change. It will be then and only then that we can begin to move toward determining our own destinies in every sense of the word. Are you up to the task?

Film on The Black Woman

The Black Woman will be shown on May 21, 1976 at the African-American Cultural Center which is located at 1119 So. 17th St. Poetess Nikki Giovanni, Singer Lena Horne, Bibi Amina Baraka (wife of poet-playwright Imamu Amiri Baraka) and other Black women discuss the role of Black women in comtemporary society and the problems they confront. Topics discussed include the relationship of Black women to Black men, Black women to White society, and Black women to the liberation struggle. There is singing by Roberta Flack, a dance by Loretta Abbott and poetry by Nikki Giovanni.

St. John Youth Choir in Concert

The St. John Youth Choir will be sponsoring their Fifth Annual Concert, on May 23rd at the St. John Baptist Church, located at 2001 South Jay Street, Tacoma, Washington at 7:00 p.m.

The music for this concert was written and composed by Lewis Harris, pianist of the Youth Choir, Royce Shorter, organist and Ronnie Gentry. The many talents of these youth have been brought out through the direction of Eloise Glenn; who is the Director of this great choir. Our efforts in solidarity to you; through our theme song "Striving" has led us to this; the year of '76 in which we have made our first recording.

Some of our lead singers will be: Billy Turner & Eugene Glenn; their tenor voices ringing out like chimes; Vivian May, Sharyn Smith, Pam Horton and Adrienne Van Buren, with their dynamic soprano voices; Dennis Johnson with his baritone voice; having the compass and quality between bass and tenor and partaking the quality of both. Flora Glenn and Phyllis Glenn, with their Alto lead voices ringing out many tones and qualities. Don't miss our exciting drummer who is Carlton Thomas. Holis Belt, our fantastic bass player and Joe Ann Glenn, our outstanding tambourine player. Just listen to the beautiful music that comes from them. Solomon Harris, Jr., playing congo and making them ring out with the most rewarding sound of the jungle beat. Willie Leggett and Keith Carter, making many sounds from their saxophones; Jerry Cobb, trumpet player, blows out beautiful sounds, as would Gabriel on Judgement Day, and most of all our great Counselor, Mrs. Myrtle L. Howard, who is the greatest.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
by Barbara Henderson

If there is one thing I can't stand in people - its insincerity. I always try to be as honest and truthful as I can, when I can. Some people carry it too far. Like the other day at a track meet - I had just ran a lousy 200 yd. dash, when this girl came up and congratulated me on such a wonderful run. She knew she was lying (or either trying to be sarcastic). This is the kind of phony thing I hate. Why do we have to be insincere?

I was at a party a couple of weeks ago where a brother told me I had beautiful eyes (now thats a new one on me). It was so dark in that place that you couldn't even see anybodies eyes. I felt like telling him to get lost.

If you have to lie to someone to make them feel good, you may as well not even say anything. I feel that I can detect insincerity in a person if they are trying to be half hearted with me. Be for real with people. Sincerity will restore that trust and honesty.

Tacoma Couple Celebrates 25 Years of Marriage

Mr. & Mrs. Edell Young of Tacoma, Washington celebrated their silver wedding Anniversary, May 8, 1976. The ceremony started at 3:00 p.m. with the Reverend Encarnacion renewing the couples vows. The reception was held at 314 East 27th St., Tacoma, Wa., home of the Young's. Mr. & Mrs. Young have 10 children and 3 grandchildren all of which participated in the beautiful ceremony. When asked how does it feel to be married 25 years. Ms. Young replied "simply beautiful". The couple traveled to British Columbia Canada for their hoenymoon.

Mr. Young is a member of the Tacoma Gospel Singer, and is employed by the Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard.

Mrs. Young is a very active housewife, mother and participates in various church activities. Choir Director, Church Treasury and Youth Coordinator are just a few of the many services she renders.

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Boys Club News

SUMMER CAMPING: 1976 Summer Camping Program for the Downtown Boys' Club is now in the progress of signing children up for our summer session. There are a limited number of campership available, so if you are in need for a campership, it would be to your child's advantage if you would sign-up now. For more information, call 272-3044.(a campership is when all the expenses are paid for child by someother resource, other than yourself).

FREE "BOAT TRIP : The Boys' Club will be sponsoring a free boat trip on the Puget Sound June 5, 1976 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Lunch will not be provided, so be sure to bring your own. There is a limit of 100 passengers, which includes children and parents. You can sign-up for this trip in the office at the Boys' Club. For more information, contact Jim Johnson at 272-3044.

BOYS'CLUB DANCE: The Downtown Tacoma Boys' Club, Parents' Club is sponsoring a dance on Friday, May 21st and 22nd from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight. All Teenagers are welcome. Cost is $1.50 per person. Music will be provided by the Soft Touch Band. The dance will be held at the Downtown Boys' Club, 711 So. 25th St., Tacoma, Washington. "Also the first 25 ladies will be admitted free". If you have any questions, please feel free to call 272-3044.

BOXING : Sugar Ray Seales, Olympic Gold Medal Winner, will be defending his title of North American Middle Weight Champion against Rico Hoye, Tuesday, May 25, 1976, 8:00 P.M. at the Seattle Center Arena. The prices of the tickets are as follows: $9.50-$7.50-$5.50-$3.50. The fight will be 12 round bout.

The Boys' Club Boxing Team is still in Las Vegas attending the National AAU Boxing Tournament. Mitchell Mayes and Butch Warren of the Tacoma Boys' Club Team are competing for positions on the Olympic Boxing Team. We expect our Boxing Team to be back home by Tuesday, May 18, 1976.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING: The next parents' Club meeting will be June 9, 1976 at the Downtown Boys' Club at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested may attend. For more information call 272-3044.

News From TCC

Funds raised at the jam session at Tacoma Community College's Spring Restival May 23 will go to help the man who created the folk and blues scene in the Tacoma area.

Chris Lunn, who established the Court C. Coffeehouse and who has found work and audiences for musicians from California to Canada, was recently seriously injured in an automobile accident.

The jam session in TCC's library patio will start at 5:30 p.m. and will feature musicians who are Lunn's friends. Admission is one dollar for the general public. The session, led by Mel Washington, will be held in the TCC gym if it rains.

Participating in the benefit jam session will be Ed Friehl and Space at 5:30 p.m., Troy Silveras and Friends, and Jorgan's Organ.

Lunn is in charge of the "Folk and Blues" workshop featured Tuesday nights at The Other Side of the Tracks in Auburn.

Plans are to collect additional funds for Lunn at the TCC street dances to be held Friday, May 21, if weather permits, at 1 p.m. in the gym parking lot, and 1 p.m. Saturday in the gym parking lot, or in the gym if it rains.

New Number for Directory Assistance

The Directory Assistance number for Pacific Northwest Bell customers in Seattle will change to 1-555-1212 Friday (May 21) in preparation for a DA charging plan which goes into effect May 24, according to PNB division manager Tom Haslam.

Haslam emphasized that the DA charge does not go into effect until May 24.

"Changing the DA number prior to the effective date of the DA charge plan is necessary because of the need to make some technical rearrangements of equipment," Haslam said. The new number must also be connected to accounting equipment so that direct distance dialing can be used for DA when charging begins.

The DA plan provides residence customers a six request allowance each month. After that a charge of 15-cents per request will be made. A Similar request allowance and charge will apply to business service.

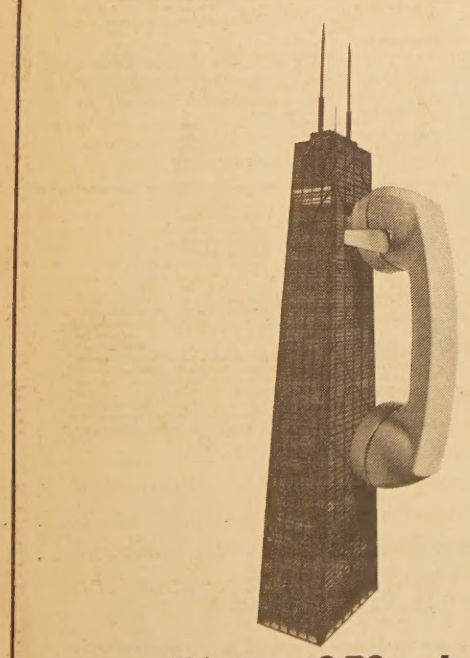
An exemption for for the handicapped is included in the plan. Those who have difficulty using the telephone directory for visual, physical, language or reading handicaps should contact the business office for an exemption form if they have not already done so.

"Each application is judged on its own merits and it is not necessary that anyone other than the applicant attest to the handicap," Haslam said.

Exemptions also are automatically granted for DA calls placed from hospital, hotel or motel rooms and for calls placed from coin telephones There is no charge on requests for out-of-state telephone numbers. "Based on our studies, 83 per cent of our customers now use DA six or fewer times a month," Haslam said, "and our experience in Oregon indicates that 95 per cent of our customers will not be billed for extra DA calls during the month."

Haslam said there are several ways to help keep from using one's allowance and being charged for DA calls. First, and most important is to look up numbers in the directory. Second, write down numbers you must get from DA for later reference. Or, third, visit the business office where there is a library of telephone directories for most frequently called cities and make a list of numbers you need.

"In the long run, we are confident that the DA plan will work to the benefit of the average telephone user because the heavy user will be paying directly for the service used," Haslam said.



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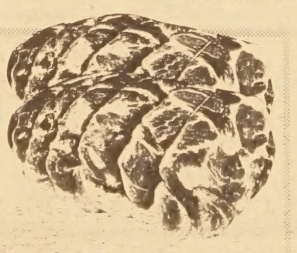

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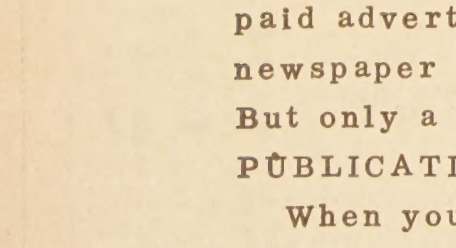

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Open Letter

Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, President
Charles E. Drew Board of Directors
c/o 454 St. Helens Avenue
Tacoma, Washington 98402

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank the Charles E. Drew Board and the Washington State Sickle Cell Program for the financial assistance and support they have given to me.

The apartment I am living in now is most comfortable.

This would be a better place to live if there were more people in this world like all of you.

Again thank you all.

Sincerely,

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Arco Receives Achievement Award From Department of Interior

Henry Talbert, (L) Regional Director of the National Urban League; Mrs. Myralie Evers, Director of Community Programs for Arco and Don Thomas, (R) Attorney and General Counsel for the National Urban League, based in New York, offer congrats to Thornton Bradshaw, (second from the left) President of Arco, for the company's Community responsibility and awareness to Community needs.

LOS ANGELES -- The Atlantic Richfield Company was presented an award for Outdoor Recreation Achievement a few days ago.

Thornton Bradshaw, President of Arco, received the award from John D. Crutcher, representative of the Department of the Interior, from Washington, D.C.

Crutcher said the presentation was in recognition of outstanding contribution to the preservation and enhancement of America's outdoor recreation heritage for present and future generations.

The event took place in a downtown roof-top public park created by the petroleum company.

A spokesman for Arco stated that the company has effected a policy of converting many of its closed stations into mini-parks and mini-farms in various areas throughout the nation. The most recent change-over from a closed service station to a Community-use site, is now the new home of the Southeast Community Center in Stockton, California. Arco injected over $11,000.00 toward the construction of the new building and the landscaping along with the land grant.

In July of 1975, Bradshaw presented to Mayor Tom Bradley, for the City of Los Angeles, a grant deed on the land of a closed station located at 104th Place and Vermont Avenue. Approximately $10,000.00 was provided by Arco for construction costs.

Prior to the Mini-farm opening, Mayor Doris Davis received a similar land grant from Arco to the City of Compton on what is now the Cincotta Park, located on Alameda Boulevard.

City Mayors Davis and Bradley, offered the highest commendation to Arco for its "enormous and excellent example of community concern."

Of the mini-pakrs and mini-famrs, Bradshaw said, "Projects like these substantiate our belief that with community support and imagination, a service station site no longer needed for the original purpose, can become a community asset. In the process," Bradshaw continued, "we fulfill part of our social responsibility."

Included in the congratulatory group witnessing the presentation atop the Arco parking complex was Henry Talbert, Regional Director of the National Urban League, Attorney Don Thomas, General Counsel for the National League, based in New York City; Mrs. Lynn Guess, Mrs. Newton Ricketts, Mrs. Leticia Williams, Chester Washington and Mrs. Myralie B. Evers, Director of Communit6 Programs for Arco.

Minority Discrimination

Is it possible for businesses to promote....have sales....and do general business, and have the Black community respond in large numbers even though the paid advertisement appeared in all newspapers except the Black newspaper? The newspaper that serves the Black community with general news is THE FACTS. But only a few businesses use the services of the LARGEST AND OLDEST BLACK PUBLICATION IN THE NORTHWEST!

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WAKE UP FACTS READERS, and spend your money with those who spend money with you. We don't have to tell you how to read between the lines of the above statement in order to realize what we are talking about. You know where we are coming from all too well, and that's the BLACK FACTS!

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ON FUND RAISING MISSION

By Judith Williams

Dr. Jesse Stone, Jr., President of the Southern University system in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was in Seattle last week making preparations to launch a national fund raising drive to get scholarships and financial support for the school.

In an exclusive interview given to FACTS Editor Fitzgerald Beaver, Dr. Stone stressed the vital role of Black educational institutions in furthering the progress toward equal opportunity for all Americans. "It is absolutely essential at this time in our history to talk about our Black institutions and make the general public aware of their important role in higher education," Dr. Stone said. "Too many people believe that the struggle for decency and rightness has already achieved its goal," he continued, "but many Blacks who are admitted to White institutions find themselves in an unhealthy situation, in an institution lacking in empathy and understanding. White institutions still mirror our racist society. They are elitist and don't seek to serve the broadest possible constituency."

Stone said that the 1954 Brown vs. the Board of Education Supreme Court decision was a good one, but that its aftermath has not been good. He cited the fact that many Blacks have lost teaching positions and principalships because of it and said that in Louisiana virtually all the coaching positions held by Blacks were lost. "The government and the people have not had the commitment to make that decision work. You must remember that the government has not been the best ally of minorities," Stone commented.

Stone explained that Southern University has a multi-ethnic faculty, citing that fact as an illustration of how, "Blacks have been amenable to change while too many others have tried to subvert progress toward a pluralistic society."

Stone pointed out that as a state-funded institution Southern U. is not eligible for endowments from the United Negro College Fund. He added that the university is still in the position of trying to catch up because of the years of discriminatory funding it experienced in the past, and said that S.U. is experiencing the same funding cuts that are handicapping educational institutions all across the nation. "America has never been serious about turning out fully productive minorities," he commented.

When asked by Beaver about the frustration experienced by Black graduates who have majored in Black Studies programs and found themselves poorly prepared for the available jobs in the employment market Stone replied, "At Southern U. we see our mission as being primarily to educate. Education enables one to recognize one's strengths and deficiencies and to make the proper adjustments where there is a lack." He added that Black History is still not required in elementary and secondary schools and said, "I think it (Black Studies) is necessary. A person cannot understand his total being unless he can put the present in some type of perspective. It enables him to better predict his future." Stone said that S.U. has produced engineers, lawyers who are trial and staff attorneys with the Justice Department and foreign service personnel.

Beaver asked him for his views on the often-raised question of whether Blacks should participate in the Bicentennial. Dr. Stone responded with an emphatic yes, explaining, "We should participate in order to set the record straight; to point out the contributions of Black Americans and show that the long road is still ahead. We must take up the unfinished agenda," he concluded.

MILLION-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN TO AID U.S. YOUTH AND U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

In the current Help Young America Campaign the U.S. public is not only voting cash awards for their favorite youth organizations but also earning a $1,000,000 contribution to the U.S. Olympic Team.

This year the Colgate-Palmolive Co.'s distinguished Help Young America program will divide $365,000 among six of the nation's foremost youth organizations—the national, regional and local units of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, Camp Fire Girls and 4-H Clubs—according to the share of the votes they receive in the annual balloting.

In addition, to make the 1975 Help Young America Campaign even more impressive, Colgate has offered to give up to $1,000,000 to the U.S. Olympic Team by contributing 25¢ for every ballot received in the Help Young America voting.

The free ballots, which are in supermarkets as well as in the October issue of major magazines, can be obtained also from local clubs and troops of the six youth organizations.

Willie Mays, Goodwill Ambassador for the campaign, heads a group of celebrities touring the United States to encourage adults to vote in this worthwhile youth program from now through this December.

An added inducement to vote in the Help Young America Campaign is the special prizes that Colgate-Palmolive Co. will award to winning voters. By a national drawing from all the ballots, five voters will win $1,000 each, ten will win $500 each, 400 will receive $50 each. And the grand prize to the top winner in the 1975 Help Young America Voters' Sweepstakes is $20,000 plus a family vacation at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Willie Mays, Goodwill Ambassador for the current Help Young America Campaign, is surrounded by youngsters from six of the nation's top youth organizations that will win cash awards through the public's Help Young America votes. Colgate's award-winning youth program will also give up to $1,000,000 to the U.S. Olympic Team via 25¢ for every vote.

The Help Young America Campaign, inaugurated in 1972 by the Colgate-Palmolive Co. to distribute yearly grants to the nation's foremost youth organizations, has been presented a Freedoms Foundation Award, has been lauded in The Congressional Record, and is saluted each year by governors and mayors throughout the United States for its outstanding contribution to the needs of American youth.

MISS BLACK COMMUNITY CONTESTANTS

The Washington State Black Arts and Culture Association (WaBaCa), a newly formed non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational and cultural purposes to serve in the promotion and furthering of cultural educational, artistic and economic development of minority and low-income organizations in the deprived and depressed areas in the state of Washington and to assist in the development of new or established cultural, artistic, educational and economical organizations, by being involved in fund-raising activities and soliciting financial support for and from organizations who can help serve the aforementioned goals, are now seeking applications for the 1976 "MISS BLACK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL".

To be eligible to enter, all applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1) As of July 29, 1976, applicant must be no younger than 17 years of age and have not reached her 21st birthday, and must be a high school graduate or graduating senior as of June, 1976.
2) Applicant must not be nor never have been married, nor plan to be married prior to July 28, 1977.
3) Applicant should have a neat appearance and should be able to express herself clearly.
4) She must not have been previously "Miss Black Community", "Miss Seafair", a Seafair "Princess" or Seafair "Visiting Queen".
5) Applicant must have a minimum of $50.00 in pledges, plus a $5.00 entry fee, all of which are non-refundable.

Applicants wishing to be sponsored by businesses, organizations, or associations may contact Carol Wells at 623-2332 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Applicants will be expected to participate in various acitivties of the Black Community Festival. The chosen Queen and her Court will be expected to ride on the Black Community float in the Black Community Festival, Seafair, and other parades.

Entry Blanks may be obtained at one of the following locations: Garfield High School, Cleveland High School, Franklin High School, Rainier Beach High School, Roosevelt High School, Educational Talent Search Project, Central Area Motivation Program, S.O.I.C., Seattle Urban League Center, First A.M.E. Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, YMCA East Madison, YMCA East Cherry.

Entry blanks along with attached pledge lists must be filled out and returned by May 31, 1976 to: WaBaCa, Post Office Box 22420, East Union Station, Seattle, Washington 98122, ATTN: Black Community Festival.

Pledges must be made payable to WaBaCa, at the above address and received no later than Monday, June 7, 1976. All applicants will receive notification of eligibility no later than June 11th. At that time, eligible candidates will receive additional information regarding the contest. The Queen and her Court will be chosen Saturday, June 26th, by a panel of seven judges. Time and Place to be cited at a later date.

The elected "MISS BLACK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL" Queen will also be entered in the "Miss Seafair" contest. If so elected, and she will not be able to participate in some of the activities of the Black Community Festival, the First Runner-Up will assume her duties.

For additional information, please contact Jaki Freeman at 325-2701.

NAACP Statement on 22nd Anniversary of Supreme Court School Desegregation Decision

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement was released by the NAACP on the occasion of the twenty-second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court Decision Brown vs. Topeka, i.e. the 1954 School Desegregation Decision.

There are faint rays of hope on the horizon on this 22nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Brown Vs. Topeka Board of Education. This historic decision, rendered May 17, 1954, outlawed segregation in public education.

We see this hope despite the overt violence of the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi party, bitter racists in the streets of Boston, Louisville, Pasadena or those who are currently burning crosses in West Los Angeles.

Our faith holds fast despite the retreat of many weary liberals who are currently marketing a new code-word, "quality"-integrated education, as they fall back from the front line in the struggle for integrated education.

"Quality", in this new context, is that polite code word for the status quo. The status quo in too many cities and towns in this nation is segregated educational institutions. Segregated education is inherently unequal and lacking in quality.

The pursuit of quality can be a noble goal for all of public education, however that pursuit separate and apart from integration is an idle gesture.

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Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club Burns Mortgage

A recent Morgage Burning Banquet honoring "The Twenty Ray Gibson Caballeros Club". Morgage signers was held at The Ray Gibson's Club Tuesday, May 11, 1976.

A Gracious Letter of congradulations from "The Ray Gibson Family" was read (Ray Gibson a charter member for whom the club was named) served faithfully in different capacities until his death in 1974. Ray had held Chairman Of The Excutive Board for 15 years and died while serving in the capacity as club manager. He was club manager for 17 years.

Comments from Charles Stubblefield, on History Hilites Appreciation brought many new members up-to-date on the progress of past club administrations.

Col. Alonzo Foot (retired) spoke on "The Democratic Procedure That Takes Place In The Organization". Allowing all members to air their different opinions. And now they retain their ability to work together, to attain a common goal. Col. Foot was chairman for 3 years (72'-74'). He was responsibble for all legal matters of the club.

The honor of burning the morgage was presented to 72'-73', President, Sgt. Louis Barzar and his Building Committee Chairman, Capt. Robert McConnell. The two was responsible for negotioning the $40,000 expansion loan. The twenty year morgage (20) was obtained in Nov. 1972.

Club presided Hershell-Gill presented a life time membership plagues to the following members: Mr. James Aldridge, Wilmer Catley, Art Richardson, Herb Palm, Maurie Williams and Henry Linton. He also spoke on future planned commitments, priorties and expanchions of the club, using common and sound judgement. Also members working together as a team for success.

The gala affair offered the club membership and their guest a evening of free food, entertainment and beverage.

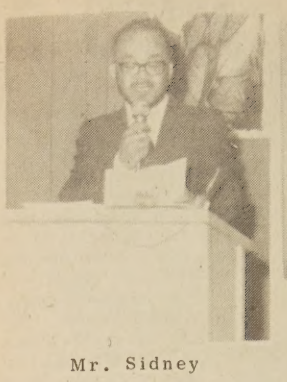
The Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club was started in 1957, by a small group of minoritys. The current membership is 258. And a membership drive is now in progress.

Sid Breckenridge Sr., was master of cermonies.

Mr. Breckenridge is one of the five chartered members. He have served in respected offices as secretary. Entertainment, manager, and president. The president stated that Mr. Breckenridge is and outstanding member.

The managers, Mr. Stubberfield and his assistant, Mr. Wilmer Catley have done an outstanding job, that is personally appreciated by the president, and members as well. Mr. Stubbelfield was responsible for the food catering and beverages. Mr. Stubblefield was past president for four years (4), prior to taking over as manager in 1975.

Capt. Robert McConnel and Sgt. Louis Barzar burning the mortgage.



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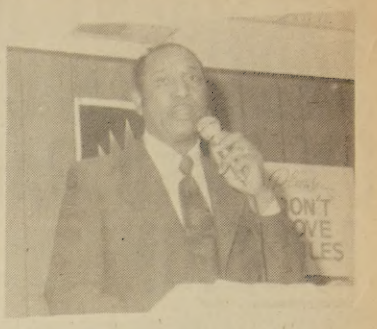

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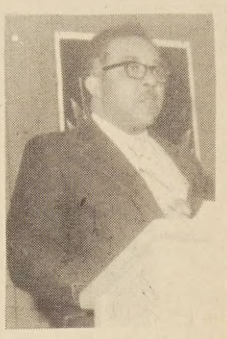

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